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AND METHODS OF USING

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Examiner: Robert A. Zeman

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2007**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action mailed December 07, 2007 (the "Office Action") for the above-identified patent application, please consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith are: (1) a petition for a 3-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117, extending the date for reply from March 07, 2008 to June 07, 2008; and (2) Exhibits A-E. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper; however, should any additional fees be deemed payable (or overpayment creditable), in respect of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit such a fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing the above attorney docket number.

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